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Deliver immediately following message from President to de Gaulle: Report date time delivery.

QTE Dear General de Gaulle:

In the last day or two it has become evident that the people of West Berlin are badly shaken by the events of the week. In this situation I think a statement of reassurance from you and Prime Minister Macmillan and me would be helpful. Consequently, I suggest that at the earliest possible moment we issue a joint declaration along the lines of the attached draft. I would hope that this could be published in our three capitals by Saturday at the latest.

I also hope you will approve the proposal to reinforce our garrisons in Berlin which has been under discussion in the Ambassadors Group here. This seems both urgent and important to me. Sincerely, ~~xxxxxx~~ John F. Kennedy.

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(Text of Attachment to Letter)

Draft Statement by the Chiefs of State of the United States and France
and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

The action of the East German authorities and of the Soviet Government in closing off the Eastern sector of Berlin and other measures of restraint instituted by them to limit the freedom of movement of the people under their control, have seriously and dangerously increased tension in Berlin.

The President of the United States, the President of France^{and} the Prime Minister of Great Britain feel it necessary, in the light of these actions, to issue a solemn warning concerning the determination of their countries to maintain and preserve at whatever cost their fundamental rights in Berlin and their obligations to those under their protection. At this trying moment they reaffirm their will and commitment to defend the rights and liberties of the people of West Berlin against any attempts by the East German authorities or the Soviet Union to infringe or impair these rights and liberties, including that of access to and from the West. UNQTE

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